

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PROJECT SENTINEL,)	
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Plaintiff(s),)	No. C04-3792 MJJ (BZ)
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v.)	INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER
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RUTH BRIONES, et al.,)	
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Defendant(s).)	
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All discovery in this matter has been referred to
United States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties
shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay
Area, by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve
their dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages
about the dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read
subsequent positioning letters; parties shall instead make
a contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape
recorder or a court reporter.

In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the
parties must participate in a telephone conference with the
Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.

1 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a
2 letter served on all parties not exceeding two pages (with
3 no attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the
4 action and the issues in dispute. Other parties shall
5 reply in similar fashion within two days of receiving the
6 letter requesting the conference. The Court will contact
7 the parties to schedule the conference.

8 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers
9 is deemed necessary, they should be electronically filed
10 with the Clerk's Office, with one hard copy delivered
11 directly to Chambers (Room 15-6688). A chambers copy of
12 all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette formatted in
13 WordPerfect 6, 8, 9 or 10. The diskette shall be scanned
14 for virus before submission.

15 Dated: May 23, 2005

16 /s/ Bernard Zimmerman
17 Bernard Zimmerman
18 United States Magistrate Judge

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